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# Crystal structure of 3,3-bis(*tert*-butyl-cyclopentadienyl)bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-3-zircona-1(5)-ene-6-nickela-6,6bis(triphenylphosphine), (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(ZrC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)Ni(C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>

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#### Abstract

C<sub>58</sub>H<sub>60</sub>NiP<sub>2</sub>Zr, monoclinic,  $P12_1/n1$  (no. 14), a = 12.378(3) Å, b = 10.353(2) Å, c = 38.031(8) Å,  $\beta = 95.74(3)^\circ$ , V = 4849.2 Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4,  $R_{gt}(F) = 0.023$ ,  $wR_{ref}(F^2) = 0.054$ , T = 200 K.

### Source of material

The complex (*t*-Bu-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Zr( $\eta^4$ -H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>) (0.38 g, 0.98 mmol) was dissolved in THF (15 ml) and a dark yellow solution of (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)Ni(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.6 g, 0.98 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 323 K for 48 hours. After that time all volatiles were removed in vacuum and the remaining yellow powder was washed three times with cold (253 K) *n*-hexane (2 ml). The *n*-hexane containing powder was dried in vacuum and

dissolved in hot THF (5 ml). The dark yellow solution was allowed to cool down to room temperature during 24 hours in a dewar, initially filled with hot water, to yield yellow crystals.

#### **Experimental details**

The H atoms (except the H atoms attached to C1 and C4) are added geometrically and refined using the riding model.

#### Discussion

We recently reported that unsubstituted 1-zirconacyclopent-3-yne Cp<sub>2</sub>Zr( $\eta^4$ -H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>) reacts with equimolar amounts of the nickel(0) complexes  $L_2 \text{Ni}(\eta^2 - \text{C}_2\text{H}_4)$  (L = PPh<sub>3</sub> or PCy<sub>3</sub>) in THF at room temperature to give the binuclear complexes  $Cp_2Zr[\mu(\eta^4-H_2C_4H_2)]NiL_2$  [1]. Additionally, the complex  $Me_2Si(\eta^5-C_5H_4)_2Zr[\mu(\eta^4-H_2C_4H_2)]Ni(PPh_3)_2$  was investigated [2]. These molecules are not planar with regard to the moiety  $ZrC_{\alpha}C_{\beta}C_{\beta'}C_{\alpha'}Ni$ . In contrast to that the structure of the here presented complex was calculated (B3LYP/LANL2DZ) to be planar due to the sterical influence of the tert-butyl groups [3]. To prove the DFT predictions we performed the X-ray crystal structure analysis of the title compound which shows a high steric demand. The molecular structure of  $(t-Bu-C_5H_4)_2$ Zr[ $\mu(\eta^4-C_4H_4)$ ]Ni(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> is almost similar to that of the unsubstituted compound. The complex displays beside a bent zirconocene an additional butyne-1,4diyl ligand, which coordinates with its triple bond a Ni(0) center. The bonding distance C2—C3 is 1.308(2) Å and in the range of a double bond. The coordination environment at the Ni(0) center is slightly distorted trigonal planar. The angle between the planes defined by Ni1, C2, C3 and Ni1, P1, P2 is 4.9°. The part of the molecule  $ZrC_{\alpha}C_{\beta}C_{\beta'}C_{\alpha'}Ni$  is not planar. Angles between the planes defined by  $ZrC_{\alpha}C_{\alpha'}$  and  $C_{\alpha}C_{\beta}C_{\beta'}C_{\alpha'}$  of 15.6° and between the latter plane and  $C_{\beta}C_{\beta'}Ni$  of 13.2° were obtained. The deviation from the calculated data may be due to packing effects.

Table 1. Data collection and handling.

Crystal:	yellow prism, size $0.25 \times 0.35 \times 0.40$ mm
Wavelength:	Mo $K_{\alpha}$ radiation (0.71073 Å)
ι:	$7.06 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
Diffractometer, scan mode:	Stoe IPDS II, $\omega/\varphi$
$2\theta_{\max}$ :	49.18°
N(hkl) <sub>measured</sub> , N(hkl) <sub>unique</sub> :	55594, 8125
Criterion for $I_{obs}$ , $N(hkl)_{gt}$ :	$I_{\rm obs} > 2 \sigma(I_{\rm obs}), 6710$
N(param) <sub>refined</sub> :	575
Programs:	SHELXS-97 [4], SHELXL-97 [5]

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**Table 2.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in  $Å^2$ ).

Table 2. Continued.

Atom	Site	x	у	z	$U_{ m iso}$	Atom	Site	x	у	z	$U_{ m iso}$
H(5)	4 <i>e</i>	0.7690	1.1985	0.1186	0.036	H(28)	4 <i>e</i>	0.6862	0.7572	0.1901	0.038
H(6)	4e	0.9554	1.2207	0.0989	0.041	H(30)	4e	0.8364	0.9772	0.2542	0.043
H(7)	4e	0.9351	1.2632	0.0332	0.041	H(31)	4e	0.9091	1.0018	0.3128	0.050
H(8)	4e	0.7355	1.2719	0.0130	0.035	H(32)	4e	1.0803	0.9220	0.3314	0.047
H(11A)	4e	0.4508	1.1435	0.0770	0.069	H(33)	4 <i>e</i>	1.1807	0.8182	0.2914	0.044
H(11B)	4e	0.5599	1.0968	0.0995	0.069	H(34)	4 <i>e</i>	1.1101	0.7935	0.2326	0.038
H(11C)	4e	0.5393	1.0625	0.0584	0.069	H(36)	4e	0.8886	0.6411	0.2414	0.038
H(12A)	4e	0.4903	1.3673	0.0976	0.076	H(37)	4e	0.8618	0.4192	0.2352	0.048
H(12B)	4e	0.6019	1.4359	0.0905	0.076	H(38)	4e	0.8409	0.3259	0.1796	0.053
H(12C)	4e	0.6018	1.3227	0.1191	0.076	H(39)	4e	0.8497	0.4527	0.1295	0.061
H(13A)	4e	0.4537	1.3155	0.0334	0.073	H(40)	4e	0.8833	0.6736	0.1355	0.048
H(13B)	4e	0.5434	1.2428	0.0133	0.073	H(42)	4e	1.2745	1.0811	0.2084	0.038
H(13C)	4e	0.5642	1.3877	0.0269	0.073	H(43)	4e	1.3821	1.0202	0.2595	0.046
H(14)	4e	0.9110	0.8801	-0.0083	0.032	H(44)	4e	1.4275	0.8046	0.2696	0.048
H(15)	4e	0.7926	1.0721	-0.0252	0.034	H(45)	4e	1.3621	0.6474	0.2291	0.044
H(16)	4e	0.6149	1.0416	0.0011	0.035	H(46)	4e	1.2548	0.7066	0.1779	0.039
H(17)	4e	0.6243	0.8316	0.0345	0.032	H(48)	4e	1.3862	0.9373	0.1281	0.044
H(20A)	4e	0.8195	0.5001	-0.0020	0.065	H(49)	4e	1.4817	0.8155	0.0903	0.058
H(20B)	4e	0.8461	0.6264	-0.0238	0.065	H(50)	4e	1.3944	0.6519	0.0561	0.061
H(20C)	4e	0.7234	0.5949	-0.0168	0.065	H(51)	4e	1.2104	0.6144	0.0587	0.053
H(21A)	4e	0.9443	0.7034	0.0650	0.072	H(52)	4e	1.1129	0.7385	0.0959	0.039
H(21B)	4e	0.9800	0.6885	0.0259	0.072	H(54)	4e	1.2677	1.0998	0.0960	0.043
H(21C)	4e	0.9491	0.5633	0.0475	0.072	H(55)	4e	1.2715	1.3222	0.0857	0.056
H(22A)	4e	0.7500	0.6577	0.0758	0.078	H(56)	4e	1.1883	1.4643	0.1220	0.057
H(22B)	4e	0.7633	0.5189	0.0582	0.078	H(57)	4e	1.0984	1.3854	0.1682	0.049
H(22C)	4e	0.6660	0.6120	0.0435	0.078	H(58)	4e	1.0928	1.1645	0.1786	0.038
H(24)	4e	0.8285	1.1079	0.1891	0.036	H(1A)	4e	1.053(2)	1.043(2)	0.0662(5)	0.023(5)
H(25)	4e	0.6586	1.2063	0.1853	0.044	H(1B)	4e	1.021(2)	0.908(2)	0.0462(5)	0.036(5)
H(26)	4e	0.5020	1.0804	0.1824	0.049	H(4A)	4 <i>e</i>	0.713(2)	0.964(2)	0.1201(5)	0.031(5)
H(27)	4 <i>e</i>	0.5160	0.8563	0.1847	0.049	H(4B)	4e	0.712(2)	0.843(2)	0.0950(5)	0.037(6)

Table 3. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in  $\text{\AA}^2$ ).

Atom	Site	x	у	z	$U_{11}$	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	<i>U</i> <sub>12</sub>	<i>U</i> <sub>13</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>
C(1)	4 <i>e</i>	0.9978(1)	0.9772(2)	0.06195(4)	0.0242(9)	0.030(1)	0.0194(8)	-0.0032(8)	0.0046(7)	0.0026(8)
C(2)	4e	0.9557(1)	0.9334(2)	0.09418(4)	0.0238(9)	0.0224(9)	0.0203(8)	-0.0006(7)	-0.0002(7)	0.0001(7)
C(3)	4e	0.8659(1)	0.9139(2)	0.10880(4)	0.0274(9)	0.0214(9)	0.0163(8)	-0.0030(7)	0.0030(7)	0.0019(7)
C(4)	4e	0.7482(1)	0.9226(2)	0.10162(4)	0.0212(9)	0.030(1)	0.0190(8)	-0.0046(8)	0.0019(7)	-0.0008(7)
C(5)	4e	0.7849(2)	1.2164(2)	0.09513(5)	0.039(1)	0.022(1)	0.0273(9)	-0.0007(8)	-0.0008(8)	-0.0083(7)
C(6)	4e	0.8889(2)	1.2279(2)	0.08419(5)	0.030(1)	0.023(1)	0.048(1)	-0.0041(8)	-0.0050(8)	-0.0106(9)
C(7)	4e	0.8777(2)	1.2521(2)	0.04772(5)	0.033(1)	0.0180(9)	0.053(1)	-0.0055(8)	0.0146(9)	0.0020(8)
C(8)	4e	0.7662(2)	1.2569(2)	0.03655(5)	0.039(1)	0.0183(9)	0.0299(9)	-0.0012(8)	0.0047(8)	0.0022(7)
C(9)	4e	0.7069(1)	1.2358(2)	0.06573(5)	0.0293(9)	0.0170(9)	0.0311(9)	-0.0024(7)	0.0025(7)	-0.0030(7)
C(10)	4e	0.5847(2)	1.2532(2)	0.06731(5)	0.028(1)	0.031(1)	0.043(1)	0.0005(8)	0.0043(8)	-0.0035(9)
C(11)	4e	0.5286(2)	1.1278(2)	0.07635(7)	0.030(1)	0.041(1)	0.068(2)	-0.0051(9)	0.014(1)	0.001(1)
C(12)	4e	0.5682(2)	1.3540(2)	0.09628(6)	0.042(1)	0.047(1)	0.065(2)	0.006(1)	0.017(1)	-0.013(1)
C(13)	4e	0.5318(2)	1.3044(2)	0.03208(6)	0.034(1)	0.048(1)	0.062(1)	0.006(1)	-0.007(1)	0.002(1)
C(14)	4e	0.8396(2)	0.8934(2)	-0.00187(4)	0.037(1)	0.028(1)	0.0159(8)	-0.0014(8)	0.0032(7)	-0.0031(7)
C(15)	4e	0.7738(2)	1.0008(2)	-0.01136(4)	0.043(1)	0.026(1)	0.0161(8)	-0.0018(8)	-0.0004(7)	0.0016(7)
C(16)	4e	0.6748(2)	0.9838(2)	0.00336(4)	0.034(1)	0.030(1)	0.0221(8)	0.0017(8)	-0.0075(7)	-0.0041(8)
C(17)	4e	0.6802(2)	0.8663(2)	0.02189(4)	0.0304(9)	0.029(1)	0.0202(8)	-0.0097(8)	-0.0020(7)	-0.0038(7)
C(18)	4e	0.7824(2)	0.8080(2)	0.01881(4)	0.036(1)	0.0234(9)	0.0174(8)	-0.0030(8)	-0.0012(7)	-0.0032(7)
C(19)	4e	0.8143(2)	0.6682(2)	0.02764(5)	0.045(1)	0.024(1)	0.0236(9)	-0.0028(8)	0.0002(8)	-0.0037(8)
C(20)	4e	0.7995(2)	0.5904(2)	-0.00687(5)	0.065(2)	0.030(1)	0.033(1)	0.004(1)	-0.004(1)	-0.0085(9)
C(21)	4e	0.9325(2)	0.6546(2)	0.04287(6)	0.058(1)	0.027(1)	0.057(1)	0.007(1)	-0.015(1)	-0.001(1)
C(22)	4e	0.7419(2)	0.6089(2)	0.05361(6)	0.087(2)	0.024(1)	0.048(1)	-0.003(1)	0.021(1)	0.0036(9)
C(23)	4e	0.7750(1)	0.9220(2)	0.19003(4)	0.0267(9)	0.029(1)	0.0138(8)	0.0000(8)	0.0036(6)	0.0001(7)
C(24)	4e	0.7650(2)	1.0560(2)	0.18844(5)	0.033(1)	0.029(1)	0.0286(9)	-0.0006(8)	0.0043(8)	-0.0006(8)
C(25)	4 <i>e</i>	0.6640(2)	1.1148(2)	0.18593(5)	0.043(1)	0.036(1)	0.031(1)	0.0129(9)	0.0068(8)	0.0000(8)
C(26)	4e	0.5714(2)	1.0404(2)	0.18441(5)	0.033(1)	0.056(2)	0.033(1)	0.014(1)	0.0076(8)	0.003(1)
C(27)	4e	0.5798(2)	0.9077(2)	0.18581(5)	0.026(1)	0.059(2)	0.038(1)	-0.004(1)	0.0034(8)	0.005(1)
C(28)	4e	0.6813(1)	0.8487(2)	0.18884(5)	0.030(1)	0.037(1)	0.0281(9)	-0.0045(8)	0.0056(8)	0.0026(8)
C(29)	4e	0.9650(1)	0.8817(2)	0.23715(4)	0.0270(9)	0.0241(9)	0.0224(8)	-0.0042(7)	0.0038(7)	0.0009(7)
C(30)	4e	0.9067(2)	0.9442(2)	0.26153(5)	0.033(1)	0.046(1)	0.027(1)	0.0043(9)	0.0016(8)	-0.0050(9)
C(31)	4e	0.9500(2)	0.9589(2)	0.29647(5)	0.048(1)	0.055(1)	0.0227(9)	0.003(1)	0.0036(8)	-0.0096(9)
C(32)	4e	1.0512(2)	0.9121(2)	0.30749(5)	0.047(1)	0.048(1)	0.0222(9)	-0.008(1)	-0.0049(8)	0.0012(9)
C(33)	4 <i>e</i>	1.1104(2)	0.8506(2)	0.28377(5)	0.035(1)	0.043(1)	0.031(1)	-0.0015(9)	-0.0061(8)	0.0068(9)

## Table 3. Continued.

Atom	Site	x	у	z	$U_{11}$	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	<i>U</i> <sub>12</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	<i>U</i> <sub>23</sub>
C(34)	4 <i>e</i>	1.0682(2)	0.8356(2)	0.24877(5)	0.032(1)	0.038(1)	0.0255(9)	0.0032(9)	0.0042(7)	0.0015(8)
C(35)	4 <i>e</i>	0.8890(1)	0.6807(2)	0.18908(4)	0.0254(9)	0.0228(9)	0.0262(9)	-0.0003(7)	0.0039(7)	0.0017(7)
C(36)	4 <i>e</i>	0.8819(2)	0.6034(2)	0.21855(5)	0.035(1)	0.033(1)	0.029(1)	-0.0028(8)	0.0041(8)	0.0055(8)
C(37)	4e	0.8651(2)	0.4716(2)	0.21481(6)	0.036(1)	0.033(1)	0.051(1)	-0.0034(9)	0.0038(9)	0.019(1)
C(38)	4e	0.8531(2)	0.4162(2)	0.18194(6)	0.048(1)	0.022(1)	0.063(2)	-0.0042(9)	0.001(1)	0.004(1)
C(39)	4e	0.8588(2)	0.4909(2)	0.15231(6)	0.082(2)	0.027(1)	0.043(1)	-0.005(1)	0.001(1)	-0.0065(9)
C(40)	4e	0.8778(2)	0.6224(2)	0.15593(5)	0.068(2)	0.024(1)	0.029(1)	-0.005(1)	0.0044(9)	0.0003(8)
C(41)	4e	1.2535(1)	0.9005(2)	0.18754(4)	0.0218(9)	0.030(1)	0.0227(8)	-0.0031(8)	0.0039(7)	0.0005(7)
C(42)	4e	1.2922(2)	0.9926(2)	0.21232(5)	0.033(1)	0.030(1)	0.030(1)	-0.0021(8)	-0.0011(8)	0.0003(8)
C(43)	4e	1.3563(2)	0.9564(2)	0.24276(5)	0.040(1)	0.047(1)	0.028(1)	-0.007(1)	-0.0049(8)	-0.0032(9)
C(44)	4e	1.3829(2)	0.8287(2)	0.24885(5)	0.035(1)	0.055(1)	0.029(1)	0.002(1)	-0.0009(8)	0.010(1)
C(45)	4e	1.3446(2)	0.7358(2)	0.22480(5)	0.038(1)	0.038(1)	0.036(1)	0.0059(9)	0.0056(8)	0.0097(9)
C(46)	4e	1.2807(2)	0.7712(2)	0.19442(5)	0.034(1)	0.032(1)	0.032(1)	-0.0009(8)	0.0043(8)	-0.0001(8)
C(47)	4e	1.2390(1)	0.8508(2)	0.11570(4)	0.0295(9)	0.028(1)	0.0202(8)	0.0021(8)	0.0023(7)	0.0017(7)
C(48)	4e	1.3498(2)	0.8721(2)	0.11389(5)	0.033(1)	0.041(1)	0.037(1)	-0.0006(9)	0.0085(8)	-0.0035(9)
C(49)	4e	1.4067(2)	0.7993(2)	0.09164(6)	0.039(1)	0.058(2)	0.050(1)	0.010(1)	0.019(1)	0.002(1)
C(50)	4e	1.3548(2)	0.7026(2)	0.07115(6)	0.064(2)	0.051(1)	0.041(1)	0.021(1)	0.022(1)	-0.002(1)
C(51)	4e	1.2461(2)	0.6804(2)	0.07276(5)	0.063(2)	0.036(1)	0.032(1)	0.008(1)	0.003(1)	-0.0079(9)
C(52)	4e	1.1881(2)	0.7544(2)	0.09497(5)	0.038(1)	0.031(1)	0.0270(9)	0.0022(9)	0.0008(8)	-0.0008(8)
C(53)	4e	1.1817(1)	1.1087(2)	0.13899(4)	0.0223(9)	0.029(1)	0.0234(8)	-0.0043(7)	-0.0020(7)	0.0009(7)
C(54)	4e	1.2336(2)	1.1572(2)	0.11095(5)	0.034(1)	0.039(1)	0.035(1)	-0.0042(9)	0.0062(8)	0.0056(9)
C(55)	4e	1.2356(2)	1.2896(2)	0.10482(6)	0.048(1)	0.045(1)	0.047(1)	-0.011(1)	0.006(1)	0.019(1)
C(56)	4e	1.1859(2)	1.3740(2)	0.12622(6)	0.056(1)	0.031(1)	0.052(1)	-0.006(1)	-0.010(1)	0.011(1)
C(57)	4e	1.1331(2)	1.3275(2)	0.15357(5)	0.050(1)	0.029(1)	0.041(1)	0.002(1)	-0.0047(9)	-0.0032(9)
C(58)	4e	1.1304(2)	1.1961(2)	0.15981(5)	0.037(1)	0.031(1)	0.0266(9)	-0.0024(8)	0.0015(8)	-0.0005(8)
Ni(1)	4e	0.98895(2)	0.90941(2)	0.143986(5)	0.0208(1)	0.0228(1)	0.0168(1)	-0.00277(9)	0.00240(8)	0.00078(9)
P(1)	4e	0.91224(3)	0.85534(4)	0.19056(1)	0.0237(2)	0.0217(2)	0.0171(2)	-0.0018(2)	0.0032(2)	0.0002(2)
P(2)	4 <i>e</i>	1.16207(3)	0.93617(4)	0.14750(1)	0.0221(2)	0.0255(2)	0.0196(2)	-0.0028(2)	0.0025(2)	-0.0017(2)
Zr(1)	4 <i>e</i>	0.81440(1)	1.02635(2)	0.054350(4)	0.02285(9)	0.01891(9)	0.01703(8)	-0.00294(7)	0.00150(6)	-0.00008(6)

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